

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO LYON COLLEGE
CONCERT CHOIR

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, the United States House of Representatives recognizes the Lyon College Concert Choir on the occasion of their performance at the National Cathedral on March 17, 2002. Lyon College, located in Batesville, Arkansas, offers a liberal arts education of superior quality in a personalized setting.

A selective, independent, undergraduate, residential teaching and learning community affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Lyon encourages the free intellectual inquiry essential to social ethical and spiritual growth. With a rich scholarly and religious heritage, Lyon develops, in a culture of honor, responsible citizens and leaders committed to continued personal growth and service.

The Lyon College Concert Choir is directed by Dr. Michael Arshagouni and its members are:

SOPRANO: Cecilia Bogowith—Gainesville, MO; Briana Bopp—Black Rock, AR; Heather Copeland—Albuquerque, NM; Patricia A. Eusterbrock—Old Monroe, MO; Amber Haskins—Everton, AR; Laura Higginbottom—Ash Flat, AR; Annicia Johnson—Little Rock, AR; Laura Lofton—Hughes, AR; Bobbi Love—Cabot, AR; Jessica R. Miller—Cave City, AR; Melanie Morrison—Jonesboro, AR; Angela Polsgrove—Little Rock, AR; Lynsey M. Russell—Little Rock, AR; Rebecca Sharp—Evening Shade, AR; Meredith Shipman—Mountain View, AR; Jennifer Stottman—Russellville, AR;

ALTO: Kristy Barrington—Sherwood, AR; Edlira Bashari—Tirana, Albania; Holly Collins—Cabot, AR; Kristi Dement—Hot Springs, AR; Elizabeth Gabbard—Fort Smith, AR; Heather LeAnn Grantham—Hominy, OK; Teryn R. McDuff—Biloxi, MS; Chloé D. Robinson—West Memphis, AR; Shannon D. Spears—Blytheville, AR; Shannon Sullivan—Newark, AR; Allison Turner—The Woodlands, TX; Sarah Williams—Batesville, AR; Valarie Layne Wylie—Benton, AR.

TENOR: Stephen Briner—Walnut Ridge, AR; Josh Broughton—Benton, LA; Matt Buchanan—Perryville, AR; Laura Hignight—Benton, LA; Mike Horan—Omaha, NE; Brian Phillips—Batesville, AR; Kent Runnells—Little Rock, AR; Shannon Schoeller—Rogers, AR; Russ Swearingen—Rogers, AR;

BASS: Joshua Barnes—Vilonia, AR; Tony Davis—Judsonia, AR; Steven Jones—Los Alamos, NM; Andrew Kuszak—Rogers, AR; Cory McDaniel—Jonesboro, AR; Stephen A. Moore—Chicago, IL; William Lucas Patton—Forrest City, AR; Rob Yates—Jonesboro, AR; Jason Clark Zellmer—Little Rock.

WAUKESHA WEST WINS NATIONAL
ACADEMIC DECATHLON

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, April 13, nine students from Waukesha West High School made history as the first team from outside of California or Texas to win the United States Academic Decathlon in its 21-year history.

The Academic Decathlon consists of 10 events with questions involving six subjects: art; music; economics and science; language and literature; mathematics; and social science. The students make presentations, write essays, give interviews and participate in the SuperQuiz, a Jeopardy-like challenge with nine rounds of five questions each along a common topic.

The Waukesha team broke new ground by winning the Wisconsin state championship. Then with that victory under their belt, they moved on to the nationals. There, they were named "rookie team of the year" and placed first among Division 11 schools. In the final round, they truly proved themselves first among equals by winning the overall competition.

Decathletes Ryan Ramlow, Katy Long, Jacob Kowalski, Adam Siegel, Jon Lindsley, Brian Kyle, Nicole Chartier, Nate Edwards and Scott Wilcox and alternates Steve Moon and Chris Schrader are to be congratulated for their accomplishments and the milestone they have set. Waukesha West won the overall competition that drew 55 top-notch teams representing 38 states.

Their victory could not have been accomplished without the help of coaches Duane Stein, Christine Beck and Lee Schmidt, as well as the parents, faculty and administrators of Waukesha West. It was with their encouragement that the team was able to win at the state and national competitions. Their pride was evident from the reception that welcomed the winning team home at Mitchell International Airport on the Monday after the victory with the same fervor usually reserved for sports heroes.

One of the goals when the Academic Decathlon was founded in 1981 was to develop interest in academics among all students. Teams are comprised of individuals representing a range of skill levels: three A students, three B students and three C students. The competition promotes the value of academic excellence, and stresses the importance of involvement for all students.

Waukesha West High School's win shows that great things can be accomplished through the hard work and dedication of students, teachers and parents acting together. This is not only a goal of the Academic Decathlon program, but also the education system as a whole.

HONORING THE WOODBRIDGE FATHERS
BASEBALL LEAGUE ON
THEIR 30TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to extend my sincere congratulations to an outstanding organization in our community, the Woodbridge Fathers Baseball League, as they celebrate their thirtieth anniversary. This Saturday, I will have the honor of joining the WFBL as they kick-off this season with their Opening Day ceremonies.

For three decades, the WFBL has provided children between the ages of 5 and 15 with the opportunity to participate in softball and baseball—our country's greatest pastime. The league was born out of the concern of several fathers in Woodbridge who wanted to provide a more competitive baseball league for their children. In only a few short months, the WFBL was formed and, in its initial season, had about 200 children that made up fifteen teams. Today, with the addition of softball and a Rookies League Division, the WFBL has 575 participating children, making up forty-eight teams.

Baseball and softball, like all sports, teaches us the value of team work, practice, camaraderie, and commitment to excellence. These are the skills that will serve our young people well as they begin to make a difference in the world. Through baseball or softball, the WFBL has given the children of Woodbridge and Bethany the opportunity to develop strong bonds of friendship based on many years of teamwork that often last well beyond their high school years. This is the true gift that the WFBL has and continues to give to the young people of Woodbridge and Bethany.

As a symbol of the start of spring, Opening Day has always been one of my favorite times to visit communities—especially Woodbridge, Connecticut. Every year, families from throughout the community gather to celebrate the beginning of the season—it is one of this community's most enjoyable spring rituals. Every team is in first place, dreaming of a championship that will be theirs at the end of the summer. The smell of a new glove, the crack of a bat, and the chatter of the outfield remind us why this is America's favorite pastime.

This year, as the Woodbridge community celebrates Opening Day and what has become a symbol of America, we will also take a moment to reflect on one of our country's greatest tragedies. In the months that have passed since September 11th, the American people have struggled to regain a sense of normalcy. Who can forget the truly awesome scene at Yankee Stadium, with the brilliant voice of a New York Police Officer singing God Bless America as an eagle swooped through the stadium—unifying our nation and

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strengthening our resolve. In these past months, communities across the nation have developed a new found respect for those who dedicate their careers to protecting our families and our communities. I am honored to join the Woodbridge Fathers Baseball League and the Woodbridge community in extending my deepest thanks and appreciation to the Woodbridge Volunteer Fire Department. Their commitment and unparalleled courage make a real difference in our community.

Celebrating thirty years of prosperity and fun, it is with my sincere thanks that I join the Woodbridge community in congratulating the Woodbridge Fathers Baseball League on their 30th Anniversary. From your first president, Tony Malafronte, to the current president Dwight Rowland, this organization has left an indelible mark on this community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB RILEY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for rollcall No. 117, H.R. 169, the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (Concur in Senate Amendment). Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

I was also unavoidably detained for rollcall No. 118, S. 2248, the Export-Import Bank Extension Act. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

I was also unavoidably detained for rollcall No. 119, H. Con. Res. 386, Supporting a National Charter Schools Week. Had I been present I would have voted "yea."

AMERICAN SAMOA MEDICAID PROGRAM

HON. ENI F.H. FALÉOMAVAEGA

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. FALÉOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a bill to provide American Samoa with treatment under the medicaid program similar to that provided to States.

American Samoa receives only about \$3 million annually in medicaid reimbursement. Each year, American Samoa's expenditures exceed its federal fiscal ceiling. For example, in FY 2000, Medicaid expenditures were \$4,909,677, or \$1,709,677 over ceiling. Although Congress adjusts the federal fiscal ceiling annually for the states based on the percentage change in the medical care component of the consumer price index for the preceding year ending in March, this adjustment has very little relation to the needs of American Samoa.

The fact of the matter is American Samoa pays a higher federal match than 40 other states yet the per capita income in American Samoa is less than \$4,500 per year. More than 56% of the population lives below the poverty level. All on-island health care is provided by the LBJ Tropical Medical Center.

Construction of the LBJ medical center was completed in 1967. The in-patient wards have

not been renovated since this time. The patient wards have no air conditioning. Bathroom and washroom facilities are inadequate and many of these wards do not even meet fire safety codes and ADA standards and requirements.

In order to meet fire safety codes and ADA standards, the LBJ Tropical Medical Center is in need of upgrading or installing restrooms, medical air, medical vacuums, piped oxygen, proper lighting, a nurse call system, a fire sprinkler system, and sufficient electrical outlets for medical equipment.

However, the LBJ Tropical Medical Center does not operate at a profit and is consistently strapped for funds because every year medicaid expenditures exceed the federal fiscal ceiling. Mr. Speaker, I am not asking for millions of dollars to address the inequity that currently exists in the way we provide for the medicaid needs of American Samoa.

I am simply asking that the federal ceiling for American Samoa be raised to \$10 million. I am also asking that the calculations used to determine the federal match for the states be applied to American Samoa. Currently, our federal match is fixed at 50%. Year after year we're at 50% with no thought or review or consideration by Congress to adjust this match to more adequately address our needs.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for the U.S. Congress to take this issue seriously. The bill I have put forth is a fair and reasonable approach to provide for the health care needs of low-income residents in American Samoa. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

IN HONOR OF CAUSE-VISION 21 AND ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. The month of May marks the 25th year in which we honor the accomplishments and struggles of the Asian Pacific American community in this great nation.

I am proud that the region I represent in Congress is a diverse one and is home to many people of Asian Pacific heritage. So many constituents have distinguished themselves through their accomplishments in education, business, medicine and science, and other forms of public and private sector involvement, and through a strong successful family life. To commemorate Asian Pacific Heritage Month, I would like to highlight the remarkable accomplishments of an organization in my Congressional district, committed to supporting and inspiring change in the area of civic participation for the Chinese American and Asian American communities.

Cause-Vision 21, established in 1993, is dedicated to advancing the political empowerment of the Chinese American and Asian American communities through voter education, community outreach and leadership development. They have established dynamic and innovative programs designed to increase awareness and access to the political process.

Once such program, the Chinese American Student Internship Coalition (CASIC), cele-

brating its tenth year, provides Chinese American college students with the opportunity to gain hands-on experience with the political process and a deeper understanding of issues important to the Chinese American community. By being placed in a legislative office, each student is given an opportunity to become more aware of current legislative initiatives being debated in California's State Legislature.

Along with CASIC, Cause-Vision 21 offers a number of community forums on a broad range of issues, voter registration drives, and get-out-the-vote efforts. Due to their efforts, the political awareness of the Chinese American community has risen exponentially and the voter registration of this group has grown considerably since the organization's inception.

I ask all Members of Congress to join me in honoring Cause-Vision 21, an organization striving to ensure that Asian Americans have a strong voice in the democratic process. Their efforts on behalf of the community have been extraordinary.

TRIBUTE TO CHRISTINE AND ORAL EDWARDS

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to two great American citizens, and I am proud to recognize Christine and Oral Edwards in the Congress for their invaluable contributions and service to Arkansas on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Chris, the daughter of Frank and Effie Austin of Blytheville, and Oral, the son of Jesse and Grace Edwards, were married on May 11, 1952 at the First Baptist Church in Blytheville, AR by Reverend David McPeak. The story of their meeting is practically lifted from the pages of a Hollywood movie script.

They met in the summer of 1951 when Chris was home from Southwestern College and working at Farmer's Bank and Trust in Blytheville. A friend of hers had told her about Oral, and she wanted to meet him. She knew that he worked at the grocery store on Saturdays, so she went to shop with her parents one Saturday.

Oral ended up carrying out her family's groceries to the car. When he turned to go back in the store, she called out his name. When he turned around, she knew it was him, and she invited him to go to church with her. He didn't go, but later called for a date. They dated for about a year and decided to get married. They had no money and no car. Friends chipped in to help with the wedding arrangement, and they had a beautiful wedding. The rest as they say is history.

The Edwardses have two children and six grandchildren. Steve, their first born, lives in Marianna with his wife, Laura. Steve and Laura have three children. Ashley, the oldest, lives in Maumelle with her husband Paul Rowton. Leigh is a student at Arkansas State University, and Steve, Jr., the youngest, is a first grader at Lee Academy.

Susan, their daughter, lives in Memphis, Tennessee with her husband, Dr. Jim DeRossitt. Susan and Jim also have three

children. Jay, the oldest, lives in Austin, Texas with his wife, Leigh. Frank attends Christian Brothers High School, and John, the youngest, is a student at Woodland Presbyterian School.

Oral and Chris became permanent residents of Forrest City in 1962, when they moved here to establish a new location for their grocery store business at the intersection of Division Street and Highway 70. The business has since grown and Oral and his son, Steve, now own GES, Inc., which operates businesses in Arkansas named Food Giant, FG Express, Tobacco Warehouse and EDPROP Development Co.

In addition to being a business leader, Oral has also been an active community leader. Oral has served as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of East Arkansas Community College and the Baptist College of Medical Sciences in Memphis, Tennessee. He has also served on the Board of Directors of the Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce and the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Baptist Memorial Health Care Company, in Memphis.

Chris, not to be outdone by her husband, has also played an important role in a number of community organizations. She has been a member of the Garden Gate Garden Club and the Forrest City Musical Coterie for more than 40 years. She has also been an active member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood.

The state of Arkansas is a better place because of my close friends Oral and Chris Edwards, and I am proud to call them my friends. On behalf of the Congress, I extend congratulations and best wishes to these faithful public servants on the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding.

HERITAGE CHRISTIAN HIGH
SCHOOL 2002 WISCONSIN "WE
THE PEOPLE" CHAMPIONS

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, at the end of the Constitutional Convention in 1787, our great statesman Benjamin Franklin was asked, "What have you wrought?" He replied, "A republic, if you can keep it."

Two hundred years later, the Center for Civic Education, created by Act of Congress and funded by the U.S. Department of Education, began working with our nation's elementary and secondary students to help them understand the enduring relevance of that statement. Since the inception of the "We the People" program in 1987, more than 26 million students and 82 thousand educators have participated in the Center's outstanding program to promote civic competence and participation.

Our founding fathers recognized that ultimately a free society must depend upon the civic virtue of its citizens, and that our schools have an important mission to prepare students to become informed, responsible citizens. Heritage Christian High School's social studies teacher Tim Moore certainly understands the important role of schools in promoting democratic values and an involved citizenry. In the seven years that Heritage Christian has participated in the "We the People" program, Mr.

Moore's students have won first place in the Wisconsin state competition five separate times!

The students from Heritage Christian have truly been inspired to academic excellence, and have demonstrated an impressive knowledge of the fundamental principles of our nation's constitutional democracy. It is with great pride that I recognize their outstanding achievement, and commend them for their exemplary commitment to the study of constitutional issues.

This year's representatives from Heritage Christian High School are: Sarah Bohl, Tim Bruce, Tim Cisler, Liz Culver, Jordan Hawkins, Joe Hense, Joanna Hinks, David Kludt, Amy Krejcarek, Brad Larson, Paul Lorenz, Tim Melville, Jon Pickens, Ashley Ramsland, Erik Skoglund, Meredith Spry, Courtney Van der Ploeg, and Andrew Wier.

Congratulations, and best wishes for continued success in this year's national competition in Washington, D.C.!

HONORING MAY AS OLDER
AMERICANS MONTH

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, today, May 1st, marks the beginning of Older Americans Month. This should give us pause to focus on the status of our nation's seniors.

What is the major concern facing older Americans today? It is the need for affordable prescription drugs. As we all know very well, the Medicare program does not cover outpatient prescription drugs. Women, in particular, are affected by this shortfall in coverage. Women live, on average, seven years longer than men, have earned less during their working lives and have half the average annual income of older men. This makes women vulnerable to high health care costs, including out-of-pocket expenses and insurance deductibles as well as the price of prescription drugs.

Because of their longevity, women are more likely to have chronic health conditions and functional limitations. Eight of ten women on Medicare, including those with disabilities, use prescription drugs regularly to manage chronic conditions and subsequently are vulnerable to catastrophic expenses. These women fill fewer prescriptions annually than those with drug coverage but spend nearly twice as much out-of-pocket for their medications. The Congressional Budget Office reports that the average out-of-pocket costs for older Americans just for prescription drugs will be \$1500 this year alone.

This month, Connecticut seniors who are members of the Alliance for Retired Americans will board buses and travel to Canada in order to have their prescriptions filled at affordable prices. The Alliance, which will send its members from every state that borders Canada, expects to show that in just one month of short trips seniors can collectively save as much as one million dollars in annual prescription costs.

The trips are not a solution, but they will demonstrate just how ludicrous it is for U.S. citizens, especially older Americans, to have

to go to Canada to purchase lower cost medicines because of the lack of a prescription drug benefit within the Medicare program. We must bear in mind that for every person making the trip to Canada there are others who are far worse-off physically and who need the lower-priced medications even more. Unfortunately, they cannot physically board a bus.

Congress must act this year to break the hold that the pharmaceutical industry has on the drug pricing system that forces our citizens to travel to Canada to purchase their prescription drugs at affordable prices. Congress must relieve the emotional and financial distress that millions of older Americans are experiencing. Mr. Speaker, the best way to honor older Americans is for Congress to enact a comprehensive Medicare prescription drug benefit this year.

TRIBUTE TO SALESIAN HIGH
SCHOOL OF RICHMOND, CALI-
FORNIA

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my congratulations to the students, faculty, staff, alumni and families of Salesian High School of Richmond, California, who will be celebrating their 75th Anniversary on September 6, 2002.

On September 8, 1927, the Salesians of Saint John Bosco, a religious society of the Catholic Church specializing in youth services and education, established a high school seminary program for boys. Then, in 1960, the seminary relocated to Watsonville, California, and became a college preparatory Catholic high school.

In 1989, the school became coeducational and now, with 570 students, they reflect the ethnically diverse population of the area: 18% African-American, 7% Asian Pacific, 20% Euro-American, 23% Latino, 20% Filipino, and 12% from other ethnic and racial backgrounds.

65% of these students come from low-income families in the local neighborhood. Salesian High School has the lowest annual tuition among all the private schools in Contra Costa and Alameda counties, and it is their policy that no student will be left behind due to an inability to meet tuition costs. Therefore, they maintain a strong tuition assistance and scholarship program.

Salesian High School graduates 98% of their seniors into colleges and universities throughout California and the United States. This attests to their combination of church, school, playground, home, and family in their educational system.

The school is dedicated to developing well-rounded students through curriculum that encourages the students to develop their unique talents through education, Christian formation and service.

I rise to congratulate Salesian High School for 75 successful years of educational service and wish them continued success in the years to come.

EDITORIAL BY DR. BILL LEE

HON. ROBERT T. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share with my colleagues an exceptional editorial by Dr. Bill Lee of The Sacramento Observer, which underscores the threat Social Security privatization poses to minority communities. The Observer is the premier African-American news source in my hometown of Sacramento, and has been a staple of the community for nearly forty years. It has received over 500 national and local awards for journalism excellence, and has a weekly circulation of 50,000 paid subscribers.

Dr. Lee's column makes a critical point that is sometimes overlooked: privatizing Social Security would be devastating to minorities, who benefit disproportionately from the program. In fact, privatization would likely result in smaller benefits not only for minorities, but also for women and low-income workers.

The future of Social Security is profoundly important to all Americans, particularly minorities. The voices of African-American leaders like Dr. Lee—the founding editor of the family-owned Observer—must be heard. I commend Dr. Lee for bringing this issue to the attention of his readers and his community, and I am proud to bring the Observer's unique perspective to the floor of the House.

[From the Sacramento Observer]

SOCIAL SECURITY CONTINUES TO WORK FOR US,
HERE'S HOW

(By Dr. William H. Lee)

Everywhere I look in the African American community, I see the success stories of Social Security. I see seniors counting on it in their retirement. I see people who were able to pay their rent or make it through college thanks to survivors' benefits. I know I am counting on Social Security to help me in my golden years, just like others in the African American community are counting on it.

But why is Social Security so important?

Social Security says a lot about who America is and what we stand for as a nation. By providing seniors with guaranteed retirement income for life and protecting young families who lose a breadwinner to disability or death, Social Security shows that America can be a compassionate nation.

It proves that this is a nation with a bottom line: that we can stand together, especially when life is most difficult. It's a promise America has made to its people, a promise that has kept millions of its citizens out of poverty.

I want to tell you, however, about a threat to this successful and popular program: proposals to privatize Social Security.

Privatization of the Social Security program may sound like a good idea at first, but "the devil is in the details"—the more you learn about it, the worse it becomes. It would cut benefits and pave the way for the ultimate destruction of the program. That is something we cannot allow to happen.

Some people in Washington D.C. want us to believe that Social Security is about to collapse. We have to make one thing clear to our readers: Social Security is not in crisis.

In March, the Social Security Trustees released their annual report on the program's financial health. For the fourth year in a row, the outlook improved.

New economic and demographic projections show that Social Security can pay full

benefits until 2041. We need to acknowledge the challenge ahead: four decades from now, Social Security will only be able to pay three-quarters of promised benefits.

That is, however, a challenge we can overcome. It is not an imminent crisis that requires the unraveling of Social Security's fundamental purpose.

Privatization proponents want you to believe that Social Security is in crisis and that "a radical change" is necessary. But the truth is privatization will only make Social Security's financial problems worse.

Privatization is based on the idea that one can take money out of the trust fund without any negative consequences. But this seemingly simple proposition is based on a flawed and misleading understanding of how the program works.

Since Social Security taxes are immediately paid out to current beneficiaries (it's a "pay-as-you-go" system), money taken out of the program would come directly out of our parents or grandparents' pockets. That's why privatization will mean benefit cuts. And these cuts would affect all recipients—retirees, disabled workers, and survivors alike.

And since privatization opens a gaping hole in Social Security's finances, trillions of dollars would be needed to make up the difference. Where would this money come from? No one knows.

Privatization will weaken Social Security for all Americans, but for some the results will be even more devastating.

This is particularly true for African Americans. But, it is also true for women, lower-income workers, and other ethnic minorities.

For example, minorities tend to benefit disproportionately from the disability and survivors components of Social Security, but these will be cut across the board to make room for private accounts.

Women are also particularly vulnerable to the effects of privatization.

For example, African American women, on average, live longer than men and spend more time out of the workforce to raise children or take care of elderly parents. As a result, they would have less to deposit into private accounts. They would therefore have to live on smaller benefits from smaller accounts over a longer period of time, without the protection from inflation offered by Social Security.

Social Security serves as the foundation of a secure retirement—unshakable by the ups and downs of the stock market, the timing of your retirement, or corporate scandals. Social Security is set up so that our nation's seniors, all our seniors will be protected at the end of the road.

It ensures that seniors will not suffer like Enron employees who watched the value of their stock accounts plummet and their dreams of a secure retirement vanish along with it.

Of course, Americans should be encouraged to save more. Personal savings have an important role to play, especially in the African American community. But it is critical that we keep a portion of retirement income guaranteed. Social Security is that guarantee.

Privatization does not work. Social Security does. It has worked in the African American community, and in all other communities, for over 60 years. We should work together to defend it, protect it, and improve it. But we should oppose those who would fundamentally alter it, break it, or send it, piece by piece, to its demise.

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HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, Congress can preform a great service to the American taxpayer, as well as citizens in developing countries, by rejecting HR 2604, which reauthorizes two multilateral development banks, the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the Asian Development Fund (AsDF).

Congress has no constitutional authority to take money from American taxpayers and send that money overseas for any reason. Furthermore, foreign aid undermines the recipient countries' long-term economic progress by breeding a culture of dependency. Ironically, foreign aid also undermines long-term United States foreign policy goals by breeding resentment among recipients of the aid, which may manifest itself in a foreign policy hostile to the United States.

If Congress lacks authority to fund an international food aid program, then Congress certainly lacks authority to use taxpayer funds to promote economic development in foreign lands. Programs such as the AsDF are not only unconstitutional, but, by removing resources from the control of consumers and placing them under the control of bureaucrats and politically-powerful special interests, these programs actually retard economic development in the countries receiving this "aid!" This is because funds received from programs like the AsDF are all-too-often wasted on political boondoggles which benefit the political elites in the recipient countries, but are of little benefit to the individual citizens of those countries.

In conclusion, HR 2604 authorizes the continued taking of taxpayer funds for unconstitutional and economically destructive programs. I therefore urge my colleagues to reject this bill, return the money to the American taxpayers, and show the world that the United States Congress is embracing the greatest means of generating prosperity: the free market.

TRIBUTE TO LOUISE P. DEMPSEY

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a very special constituent, Louise P. Dempsey, on the occasion of her receipt of the Ohio Women's Bar Association's Justice Alice Robie Resnick Award of Distinction. This award is the OWBA's highest award for professional excellence and is bestowed annually on a deserving attorney who exhibits leadership in the areas of advancing the status and interests of women and in improving the legal profession in the state of Ohio. It gives me great pleasure to wish Ms. Dempsey my warmest congratulations on this truly special occasion.

Louise Dempsey is currently Assistant Dean for External Affairs at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in Cleveland. She received her B.A. from McGill University in Montreal, Quebec; Certificate of Advanced Study in Bioethics from the Department of Philosophy,

College of Graduate Studies and Research, Cleveland State University; and J.D. from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.

She is a former Trustee of the OWBA (1994–1997) and also a past co-chair of the OWBA's Law School Liaison Committee. The OWBA was initially formed in 1991 and is the only statewide bar association within Ohio solely dedicated toward advancing the interests of women attorneys while encouraging networking and the creation of a statewide mentor program for women attorneys.

Louise has also been active in other bar associations. She served on the Cleveland Bar Association's Board of Trustees and also, in 1999, was named One of Ten Outstanding Women in the Law by the Cleveland Bar. In 2001, she was awarded the Nonprofit Lawyers Academic Award by the American Bar Association.

At the same time, Ms. Dempsey has been active in the community in a variety of areas, including: appointment to the Board of the Cleveland Municipal School District; Board of Trustees of Laurel School; Board of Trustees of Park Works; Board of Trustees of Visiting Nurse Association; member of Northern Ohio Hate Crimes Working Group; and United Way Services.

On May 1, 2002, Justice Resnick will be presenting Ms. Dempsey with the Ohio Women's Bar Association's Justice Alice Robie Resnick Award of Distinction at its Annual Meeting in Columbus, Ohio.

It gives me great pleasure to rise today,

Mr. Speaker, and Join the OWBA in congratulating Louise Dempsey and wishing her continued success.

TRIBUTE TO THE FOUNDATION FIGHTING BLINDNESS

HON. ROBERT WEXLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. WEXLER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to the Foundation Fighting Blindness for their incessant efforts toward finding a cure for macular degeneration and all retinal degenerative diseases. The Foundation provides funding for over 155 research studies at 55 prominent institutions, and since its inception in 1971, the Foundation has raised over \$160 million.

Macular degeneration causes progressive loss of central vision and is the leading cause of blindness in people older than 55 years. Approximately 6 million Americans, including one million Floridians, of every age and race suffer vision loss from retinal degenerative diseases. An additional 15 million Americans have pre-symptomatic signs of macular degeneration. By recognizing the symptoms and problems associated with macular degeneration, individuals can be tested early and receive treatment for this disabling disease.

Macular degeneration, which is believed to be caused by a combination of genetic or environmental factors, can be devastating for those diagnosed late. The loss of vision cannot be reversed, leaving its victims handicapped. These individuals usually suffer from depression at the thought of losing their independence. Because of the toll this takes on the lives of so many seniors, I call on Con-

gress to provide additional research funding to the National Eye Institute to help cure this disabling disease. Many local communities and some state governments have passed proclamations calling for May 1, 2002 to be designated "Cure Macular Degeneration Day." Therefore, I find this day fitting to bring attention to this important issue and to urge prompt action to find a cure.

HUNTINGDON AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Huntingdon Area Middle School Environmental Club for being among 30 students to receive the President's Environmental Youth Awards in 2001. On April 18th these students were honored by President Bush at the White House where they were recognized for their outstanding service to their communities and their achievements in environmental protection.

Kaleigh Felisberto, Amy Slicker, and Margo Wilson were recognized for their participation in the "Standing Stone Creek Water Quality Pre-Assessment" project. The stream assessment was conducted at four sites and examined biological organisms living on the stream bottom, chemical stream analysis, physical stream characteristics and stream habitat parameters. The students also developed a questionnaire in order to gain more input from the Huntingdon Water Treatment Plant concerning the environmental healthiness of the stream water. The tests showed good water quality and their research results were accepted as part of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection statewide stream assessments.

These students have an impressive history of improving the environment through their community projects. Since 1995 they have been members of Science Teams in Rural Environments for Aquatic Management Studies, or STREAMS. Through this organization they have studied watershed ecology and applied their knowledge to resolving local environmental problems. They have volunteered their time to educate and help their community be a more environmentally friendly place through their service.

I congratulate these students on receiving this important award and on successful completion of their stream assessment project. These students have demonstrated that they possess a dedicated spirit of service and environmental awareness. I would like to thank them for their hard work and wish them the best of luck on all their future endeavors.

HONORING IDAHO'S SENIOR CITIZENS FOR OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to today to honor a generation of Americans who have made this country what it is today.

This group learned the value of a dollar when food and jobs were rare during the great Depression and built the largest free economy the world has ever known.

This group of people saved the world from tyranny and oppression during World War II, illustrating powerful patriotism. Then sent their children to continue the fight for freedom in subsequent conflicts.

They survived the Bay of Pigs, the Beatles, disco-mania and Big Macs.

They've adapted to a changing world . . . starting school doing math problems with slates and chalk, to punching calculators, to utilizing computers, and then becoming one of the highest percentage of people to surf the Internet.

Most of all they've shown generations how to live with dignity, change a world and enhance a Nation—they are the United States' older Americans.

During the month of May, we'll honor their commitment and service to our country. In my home state of Idaho, thousands of senior citizens volunteer countless hours in classrooms, churches, small businesses, public parks, and service organizations. I recently attended a recognition luncheon for senior volunteers where just 755 volunteers gave more than 124,000 hours of service. They're grandparents, neighbors, and friends. Despite all they've given to us, they're still not done. Today, I honor that continuing sense of community that drives our seniors and respectfully thank older Americans for all they've contributed, and continue to contribute, to our great Nation.

TRIBUTE TO THE KENT COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION OF DELAWARE

HON. MICHAEL N. CASTLE

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. CASTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an exemplary group of women from my home state of Delaware, the Kent County Republican Women's Organization.

This year, the Kent County Republican Women's Organization will celebrate 50 years of service to the community on the Federal, State, and local level.

Revered and respected by their peers, these women formed the first organization of its kind in Kent County. From the beginning, they focused on promoting the tradition of a two party system, encouraging civic participation in the county and throughout the State and educating voters about the Republican message of low taxes and individual empowerment.

They have been instrumental in electing Republican candidates in Delaware through working on various campaigns and fundraisers, sponsoring events such as "Meet Our Candidates Night," congregating in Washington to advocate Republican issues and attending various Republican conventions to learn how they can better the party and improve their efforts.

I would like to acknowledge the dedication and resolve that the Kent County Republican Women's Organization has maintained over

the last fifty years. Their continuous efforts to uphold the standards and integrity of the Republican Party is to be commended.

I would like to join my colleagues in congratulating the Kent County Republican Women's Organization on their 50th anniversary and to thank them for their unmeasurable support and direction.

HONORING NATIONAL COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL CARE MONTH—2002

HON. DOUG OSE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. OSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the men and women who work hard everyday to provide quality health care for the elderly, disabled and mentally ill. May is National Community Residential Care Month, and I can't think of a better way to pay tribute to these men and women.

Community care providers offer medical, social, and nutritional assistance to those in need. They are committed professionals who work hard to create comfortable environments for people who are unable to care for themselves in their own homes.

More importantly, these professionals work hard to boost the self-confidence of those whose confidence is often broken as a result of their dependence on others. By caring and interacting with those in need, they have enriched the lives of those who they help.

Again, I want to congratulate all the men and women in this field of work. The United States Congress certainly appreciates the valuable service they provide. We thank you for the job you do and for the compassion that you bring to your field.

HONORING ABE SELMAN

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Mr. Abe Selman, Niles Village Manager from my home state of Illinois, for his outstanding years of service to the community. Mr. Selman will be retiring from his position on May 1st, 2002. Mr. Selman has been a Niles resident since 1962 and has dedicated himself to the public sector, bettering the Niles community. He served as a village trustee for 17 years and resigned in 1989 to become the Village Manager.

Mr. Selman worked nonstop to make Niles a community for all to enjoy and achieved this goal through his knowledge, experience, and most important of all, his passion for service. As Village Manager, he was a visionary. Mr. Selman was in charge of managing development of a Village-wide computer network project, starting from setting up a single computer to over 200 in the village. He was also responsible for the planning, financing, and construction of several municipal buildings that greatly improved the quality of life of many residents. His business savvy was felt through his efficient use of public funds and by reducing operating costs through improved business practices.

Mr. Selman will be missed. His contributions to the community have been felt by all. Thank you Abe, for all you have done for the community.

A BILL TO ACCELERATE THE BASIC STANDARD DEDUCTION MARRIAGE PENALTY RELIEF AND MODIFY THE WORK OPPOR- TUNITY TAX CREDIT AND THE WELFARE-TO-WORK TAX CREDIT

HON. AMO HOUGHTON

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. HOUGHTON. Mr. Speaker, today I am joined by my colleague from Illinois, Mr. WELLER, in introducing our bill, the "Encouraging Work and Supporting Marriage Act of 2002" to accelerate the marriage penalty relief for low- and middle-income families and to modify and simplify the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) and the Welfare-To-Work Tax Credit (WtW).

Last year's tax law eliminates the marriage penalty in the standard deduction by gradually increasing the standard deduction for married couples beginning in 2005. The proposal would accelerate this relief by increasing the standard deduction beginning in 2003. The proposal would benefit low- and middle-income families and would simplify tax filing by reducing the number of taxpayers who itemize.

After a number of improvements over the past few years, the WOTC and WtW programs are being well received in providing employment, with training, for our disadvantaged. We believe the WOTC and WtW programs have been very important in helping individuals become employed and make the transition from welfare to work. Such training can be costly, and the credits provide an incentive to employers to hire the disadvantaged and provide the needed training, while offsetting costs associated with the latter effort. However, the job is not over. These individuals are usually the first ones to suffer when we see economic conditions such as we have experienced the past year.

The current WOTC provides employers with a graduated tax credit of 25 percent of the first \$6,000 in wages for eligible individuals working between 120 hours and 399 hours and a 40 percent tax credit on the first \$6,000 in wages for those working over 400 hours. The WtW tax credit is targeted toward long-term welfare recipients—providing a 35 percent tax credit on the first \$10,000 in wages during the first year of employment and a 50 percent credit on the first \$10,000 for those who stay on the job a second year.

The proposal would make the following changes: (1) combine the two credits and establish WtW as a separate targeted group, (2) repeal the requirement that a qualified ex-felon be a member of an economically disadvantaged family for purposes of eligibility for the tax credit (a time-consuming requirement that discourages hiring from this group), (3) increase the age limit for qualified food stamp recipients by five years (from 18–24 to 18–29), and (4) standardize the definition of wages as "cash wages" paid by employer to a member of the targeted group.

The present-law WOTC rules for calculating the credit would be retained for the eight categories currently eligible for the work opportunity tax credit. In the case of long-term family assistance recipients, i.e. the ninth targeted group, the credit would equal 40 percent (25 percent for employment of less than 400 hours) of qualified first-year wages. Therefore the maximum credit would be \$4,000 (40 percent of \$10,000) with respect to long-term family assistance recipients. In the second year, the maximum credit would be 40 percent of the first \$10,000 of qualified second-year wages for the long-term family assistance recipients. The net effect of the change would increase the WtW credit by frontloading the benefits, thus increasing an employer's incentive to hire long-term Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients. All of the provisions would be effective for wages paid or incurred for qualified individuals who begin work for an employer after December 31, 2002.

We believe these changes will bring tax relief to low- and middle-income families by accelerating the elimination of the marriage penalty, as well as strengthening the WOTC program, which has become a major factor in helping individuals become employed and make the transition from welfare to work. We urge our colleagues to support this legislation.

TRIBUTE TO JAMES E. VENY

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize James E. Veny for his exemplary service to the community. Jim Veny was born and raised in White Plains, New York, and attended White Plains High School.

In the summer of 1963, Jim joined the U.S. Navy and was selected to be a part of the Navy's Nuclear Power Submarine Program. During his tour, Jim attended various naval schools, traveled around the world, and was a featured soloist of the U.S. Navy's Naval Choir at Great Lakes, Illinois. Jim served one year in the Vietnam War, concluding a seven-year career in the Navy.

After the Navy, Jim earned a Bachelor of Arts degree with distinction from Franklin Pierce College in Rindge, New Hampshire. In 1975, he completed his formal academic studies by receiving a Masters in Business Administration degree from the Amos Tuck School at Dartmouth College.

Fortunately for those of us in the Bay Area, Jim moved to San Jose in July of 1980, working for FMC (Food Machinery Corporation, which is now United Defense). In 1983, he was appointed Community Relations Manager at United Defense, focusing the department on four areas of need in the community—the arts, diversity, social service, and education. Jim quickly learned that to do community work and to make an impact he had to get personally involved.

Jim has served on the boards of the following organizations: the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of Santa Clara County, the 100 Black Men of Silicon Valley, and the African American Community Service Agency. Over the years, Jim's greatest commitment has been to the education of young people, and he has been recognized by organizations in San Jose

for this commitment. Most recently, he has been the recipient of the Santa Clara County Alliance of Black Educators 2001 LaVerne Owens Community Service Award, the City of San Jose 2000 Excellence in Education Award, and the 1998 KNTV 'Spirit of Excellence Award' for community service.

Working with students in the community is more than a job for Jim—it is a way of life. Under Jim's guidance, United Defense adopted San Jose High Academy in 1983, and over time created a summer high school internship program. This unique program allows students to learn about the corporate environment, while gaining valuable work experience and earning money.

Clearly, Jim Veny has shown a lifetime of commitment towards making the community a better place, and his experience with San Jose High Academy has shown that individual involvement can make a difference for the better. We in San Jose are thankful for Jim's commitment to our community.

IN RECOGNITION OF BARBARA
MCGRATH

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Barbara McGrath as she completes her fellowship in my office this week and returns to her permanent position at the U.S. Department Defense's National Imagery and Mapping Agency.

Barb joined my office last May and quickly became an integral part of my staff. As a full time Legislative Fellow, Barb handled several key issues that are important to my constituents—tax relief for working families, the preservation of Social Security for our senior citizens and the viability of our community's small businesses just to name a few.

She worked tirelessly to research the background for my bill H.R. 3015, The Working Families Tax Rebate, which would provide an immediate \$300 payroll tax refund to families that didn't qualify for one under President Bush's plan. If passed, this law would have benefited the 29 million workers who paid payroll taxes but did not earn enough to receive an income tax rebate last year.

Barb also coordinated the multiple newsletters we have sent to my district's senior citizens, informing them about Congressional efforts to guarantee the security of Social Security adjust the Social Security Cost-of-Living Adjustment and provide an affordable prescription drug benefit under Medicare. And she was instrumental in helping arrange a small business fair for my community.

Her knowledge of defense issues was also especially important in the days following the tragic events of Sept. 11. In fact, Barb made such a contribution to my staff that we negotiated with NFMA to extend her fellowship, which was scheduled to end in December, through early May.

But Barb has been more than a dedicated staff member. She has also become a key contributor to the camaraderie in my office. The unique perspective she brought to her fellowship enabled everyone in my office to approach their jobs from a different angle. And

with her witty and insightful comments about everything from personal issues to professional ones, she was quickly dubbed the office favorite. I know she will be dearly missed, and I wish her well in her future endeavors.

BARBARA JORDAN IMMIGRATION
REFORM AND ACCOUNTABILITY
ACT OF 2002

SPEECH OF

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 25, 2002

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3231 and encourage my colleagues to vote for this important bipartisan measure to reform our Nation's immigration system.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service, created in 1933 to consolidate immigration, border control, and naturalization functions in various departments, has been plagued for years by bureaucratic inefficiency, wasteful practices, and an unclear mission. At first, Congress responded to the problem by increasing funding for the agency, quadrupling its budget from \$1.4 billion to \$5.6 billion between fiscal years 1992 and 2002. Despite the infusion of resources, the INS reported an increase in its backlog of visa and immigration-related applications.

Though a commission chaired by former Congresswoman Barbara Jordan recommended in 1997 that the INS be dismantled, Congress still did not take the drastic action necessary to fix the problems of an agency that had become for many Americans the stereotype of Federal bureaucracy. However, when the INS sent student visa confirmations for two of the September 11 terrorists—six months after their attacks on America—the subsequent public outrage expedited much-needed reform. I commend Chairman SENSENBRENNER and Ranking Member CONYERS for their cooperation in crafting a common-sense bipartisan measure that will address many of the INS's existing problems. The separation of the INS into the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services and the Bureau of Immigration Enforcement will prevent the type of mission conflict that plagues the current agency. I also approve of the creation of an Associate Attorney General to oversee the functions of these two bureaus and to emphasize the importance of immigration matters within the Justice Department.

However, I would be remiss if I did not express the concerns of some of my constituents, who fear that splitting a bureaucracy into two only creates two bureaucracies. I have to laugh as I am reminded of the perils of Hercules as he tried to slay Hydra, the nine-headed snake, which grew two heads for every one that was chopped off. Instead, we must strike at the heart of our current problem, and I believe that H.R. 3231 will effectively accomplish this goal. I will be carefully monitoring the implementation of INS reform to see that the new bureaus are efficient, responsive and focused in their mission.

RECOGNIZING EDDIE AND MARY
EMMA CHERRY FOR SIXTY-TWO
YEARS OF MARRIAGE

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. TANNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a Tennessee couple who prove that love is still very much alive.

Next month, Eddie and Mary Emma Cherry will celebrate the 62nd anniversary of the day they committed themselves to one another.

Eddie, originally from Dover in Stewart County, and Mary Emma, originally from Danville in Houston County, met through a mutual friend in 1938. The pair met up again the following year when they both enrolled at Austin Peay State College—now named Austin Peay State University—in Clarksville, Tennessee.

After becoming reacquainted, the two decided they wanted to spend their lives together, and they wedded June 1, 1940. Since then, the Cherrys have added to their family two sons, Charles and Don, a daughter, Ann, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Over the years, Eddie and Mary Emma have undertaken numerous successful business ventures in West Tennessee but eventually returned to Dover. Eddie spent many years raising cattle and hogs and growing corn and hay. Mary Emma worked for years as a teacher and administrator at Dover Elementary School.

The two are retired now and spend their days together.

Mrs. Cherry has said of their marriage, "Love is the basis of all of it. I never thought of not loving him." Mr. Cherry has added jokingly that his secret is in learning to agree with his wife. The couple says that now, as they celebrate more than six decades of union, their children should be planning a big party to celebrate their 70th anniversary.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask that you and our colleagues join me in applauding the marriage of my friends Eddie and Mary Emma Cherry and in wishing them many more years of happiness with their family and many friends who admire them greatly.

TRIBUTE TO THE MCBAIN HIGH
SCHOOL VARSITY BOYS BASKET-
BALL TEAM 2002 MICHIGAN
CLASS C BASKETBALL CHAM-
PIONS

HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the McBain High School Varsity Basketball Team, who recently won the 2002 Michigan Class C state title. In their heart-stopping championship game played at the Breslin Center, located in Lansing, Michigan, the McBain Ramblers defeated Kalamazoo Christian 57–48.

Led by Head Coach Bruce Koopman and assistant coaches Jerry Boven and Justin Eubank, members of the 2002 Ramblers include: Kevin Boven (3), Andy Bronkema (5),

Gavin Reinink (10), Trent Mulder (12), Peter DeKam (20), Blake Wiltzer (22), Andy Gilde (24), Kyle Eisenga (25), Travis Nederhood (30), Luke Bronkema (34), Ryan Westdorp (40) and Dan Bazuin (32).

The dedication that these players put forth throughout the entire season is one of which the entire district can be proud. Their victory not only brought the team together in great spirit, but their family, friends and community as well.

Once again, on behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Michigan, I would like to congratulate the coaches and members of the McBain High School Varsity Basketball Team on their achievement. I wish them the best in their future seasons.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JENNIFER DUNN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Ms. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, April 25, 2002, I was unable to be present for roll-call vote No. 115.

Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall No. 115.

HONORING TRULIANT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RICHARD BURR

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. BURR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to recognize a committed and longstanding financial institution in my hometown of Winston-Salem, North Carolina—Truliant Federal Credit Union. For the past fifty years, Truliant's family-like tradition of progressive thinking, reliability and accessibility has served more than 200,000 members in five states. On their 50th Anniversary, the founders and executives of Truliant are to be commended for maintaining a valued and trusted reputation and their tireless contribution to the community.

In 1952, the Radio Shops Credit Union—what was to become Truliant—was chartered in Winston-Salem to serve employees of Western Electric. Founder Tom Pullen built the Credit Union on four cornerstones—member ownership, democratic governance, volunteer directors and access for working families. Pullen's success as a trusted and loyal financial guide immediately brought in 2,000 members and more than \$100,000 in assets. His commitment to providing the best technology and friendly, personal attention grew his reputation, diversified his membership and tripled his holdings. The recent change in name to Truliant certainly reflects Pullen's mission to maintain relationships of mutual respect and trust with all of the Credit Union's members.

Winston-Salem is thankful for Truliant's philosophy of "people helping people." Truliant members are leaders in the community, sponsoring the Special Olympics, American Red Cross blood drives, Habitat for Humanity builds, Junior Achievement events and the an-

nual March of Dimes' walk. Truliant also sponsors a scholarship fund that has helped 52 high school graduates gain access to over \$26,000.

Today I applaud Tom Pullen and every member of the Truliant family for fifty successful years of endless community to their members and the Winston-Salem community.

CHILD LABOR

HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the outstanding work done by participants in my Student Congressional Town Meeting held this spring at the University of Vermont. These participants were part of a group of high school students from around Vermont who testified about the concerns they have as teenagers, and about what they would like to see government do regarding these concerns.

ON BEHALF OF ANDREA SHAHAN, DANIELLE HARVEY, REID GARROW, TROY AULT AND STEFANIE GRAY

REGARDING CHILD LABOR

(April 8, 2002)

REID GARROW: On the western edge of Dacca, Bangladesh, on a man-made ridge constructed to prevent flooding, dust is everywhere. The air is full of a single-sound sequence: The sharp sing of hammers hitting stone anvils. The sun beats bright as the children with their naked dust-covered bodies hammer away with tiny hammers in imitation of their mothers.

Many mothers work here. Hundreds, even thousands, are employed in breaking bricks for the foundations of the buildings. And by many mothers' sides, living in horrible conditions, are their children, laboring away. There are many places such as the factory described in Dacca, Bangladesh, all over the world. Children are forced to work in horrible conditions, with extremely low wages, and with no rights whatsoever.

We are the beneficiaries of child labor. Many of us here today are wearing clothing made overseas, and a significant percentage of it is made by small children. The United States has the world's largest economy, and with just a little effort, our government could drastically reduce child labor, and maybe even someday eliminate it.

DANIELLE HARVEY: A common way for children to become exploited in the system of child labor is to be sold by their parents to a bondsman in order to pay off a debt. The debt is usually very small, ranging from 500 to 7,500 rupees, which, when converted to U.S. currency, amounts to about \$14 to \$200. Destitute families are offered these loans, and most families accept them, because they need to pay for the cost of an illness, to provide a dowry for a married child, or perhaps just to keep food on the table.

A significant job in the workforce is the manufacturing of domestic and export products. Some of these products include silk, bee, which are hand-rolled cigarettes, silver jewelry, synthetic gemstones, leather products, including footwear and sporting goods, handwoven wool carpets, and precious gemstones and diamonds. Some services that bondsmen force bonded children to perform include prostitution, small-restaurant work, truck-stop work, tea-shop services, and domestic servitude.

STEFANIE GRAY: Child labor prevents children from receiving a good education.

Without an education, they are unable to receive jobs at reasonable pay as an adult. Children want a good education, and they believe that the only way their beliefs will be fulfilled is if they are willing to work.

With the lack of support from their parents and their employers, it is hard to be a student and an employee. There are some companies in Nepal, Pakistan, that give classes to employers and parents to recognize the students' education rights.

Child domestic workers cannot join a normal school. A little twelve-year-old boy cleans utensils, washes clothes, and sweeps the house. He rarely sees outside the small four-walled house where he works. He wants to go to school and study, and is unable because of his housework. Children work in the hope they will make enough money to go to school, and, in the end, they realize they won't even make enough money. And it is hard for them to get out of work once they enter. They become disappointed that they won't get the education that they had hoped for.

TROY AULT: Child debt servitude has been illegal since 1933 in India, when the Children Pledging Labor Act was enacted under British rule. There are specific laws which were meant to govern child labor in factories, in commercial establishments, on plantations, and in apprenticeships. There are also laws about the use of migrant labor and contract labor. A recent law established in 1986 was set in place by the Child Labor Prohibition and Regulation Act, and designates a child as a person who has not completed their 14th year of age. It purports to regulate the hours and conditions of some child workers, and to prohibit the use of child labor in certain enumerated hazardous industries. Most importantly, there is a law that was established in 1976 by the Bonded Labor System Abolition Act, which strictly outlaws all forms of debt bondage and forced labor.

Why these laws have not been enforced. The governing systems in Asia feel that child labor is inevitable. They think that it is caused by poverty, and cannot be changed by force, that it must evolve slowly towards eradication. It has been discovered, though, that some governments fund child labor in their country, which isn't making the population of child workers any smaller.

Many feel that the systems are concerned only with maintaining a lead in the global marketplace, rather than the condition of their nation's youth. The problem at hand is really that, with the laws formed by these nations against having child labor in their countries are not being enforced harshly enough, and that an involvement with the American government, which has much more power, would make much more of an impact on child labor.

ANDREA SHAHAN: Rosy, from the Philippines, who is 14 years old, has to take care of the household as well as her employer's 14 breeding dogs. She says, The dogs are so big. I'm afraid to go near them. Every day, I prepare kilos of dog food, wash out their pens, and take care of the mother dogs with newly born puppies. Sometimes I can't sleep properly for three nights or the puppies may die.

All dogs are made in heaven, they say, but some domestics live in hell. My employer doesn't allow me to have any of the leftover food from their table, and I can't just help myself. I'm always hungry. One day, I couldn't tighten my belt anymore, so I ate the food of the dogs.

Saneena, from Nepal, who is twelve years old, in an interview, says: I have been a domestic worker for the last two years, and recently started going to school. At first, my stepmother didn't allow me to attend, but I used to go to the class anyway, without telling her. A few days later, she caught me, scolded me, and gave me a slap.

The teacher visited our house and tried to convince her to send me back. To begin with, she was not ready even to talk, but later she agreed, on the condition that I should take my younger brother with me. So I bring my baby brother to school. He can't really understand the class because he is only one and a half years old, but I'm glad at least to have a chance to go to school again.

Fatima, from Bangladesh, is 14 years old. Fatima came to Dacca to work as a domestic worker. Her employer used to beat her up often. After four months, when her employer beat her up severely, she ran away, and took shelter in another home. Seeing the bruises on her body, the owner of her house took her to the police station when she was a bit better.

The police brought her back to her old employer's house for investigation. The employers bribed the police and give them a written statement saying that she would be sent back to her village. But after the police left, she was locked in the toilet. She started screaming, and upon hearing her cries for help, the neighbors phoned ASK. ASK Lawyers rescued her and tried to file suit against the employer. While this was going on, the employer offered Fatima's family about 230 U.S. dollars. Fatima's mother took the money and refused to file charges. At present, Fatima is working in a garment factory.

Johoya has to get up at 5 a.m., wash the utensils, sweep the compound, wash the cloths, attend to the demands of the mistress in the kitchen, attend to the old lady in the house, and also look after the pet dog. One day, Johoya was on the road, crying, holding a dog chain in her hand. When approached, she burst out crying, saying, "the dog has run away. I am afraid. Tomorrow the master will be returning to the house, and he will kill me for losing the dog. My mistress has not given me food for two days because I have lost the dog. Have you seen my dog anywhere?"

The next day the house owner arrived, and Johoya was beaten for her carelessness and told she was not to be given any food until the dog was found. Some days later, the dog was found in the house of a neighbor, and money was paid to them for finding and keeping the dog safely. Johoya was happy the dog was returned, but her salary for the previous month was not given to her mother, when she came, as usual, to collect. She was told it had been paid to the neighbor who found and looked after the dog.

When you look into a child's eyes, you expect to see hope, trust and innocence, but when you see these signs of childhood are replaced by the trail of hunger, fear and suspicion, we need to take serious stock in ourselves and the society we have created.

HONORING CIBOLA SCHOOL FOR ITS DEMONSTRATED RECORD OF OUTSTANDING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Cibola High School in Yuma, Arizona, for its demonstrated record of outstanding student achievement. Because national statistics, gathered through the U.S. Census and educational surveys, have indicated high Hispanic drop-out rates at both the high school and college levels, I am especially pleased with the

achievements of Cibola High School. Its student population is 75 percent Hispanic and Cibola has demonstrated that it is the success orientation of the school that impacts the success of the students. Cibola is not located in a wealthy school district and does not limit its student admissions to only the brightest or most successful students in the school district.

As Jon Walk, Cibola's first and founding principal indicated when the school opened 11 years ago, "(we) had the opportunity of a lifetime, the chance to establish the culture of a school." Fortunately for the children who attended Cibola over the years, Jon Walk, his teachers and his administrators established a culture of success and made it work.

The results of that "success culture" are impressive: Daily attendance runs at 96 percent; 89 percent of the class of 2001 went on to college; the graduation rate is 86 percent; the drop out rate is only 2 percent; the class of 2001 was awarded a total of 2.5 million dollars in scholarship money. In addition, Cibola High School achieved an A+ School Award for 1996 and has produced 7 Flinn Scholars since 1995 with 3 of that 7 being in the Spring of 2001.

How did they do it? The secrets to this outstanding success have evolved through caring, committed principals, teachers, administrators and staff. They evolved a system for making the students at Cibola High School believe in themselves, and be diligent about being the best they could be. Cibola promotes a culture of academic achievement that supports both students and teachers. My Cibola High School friends have shared the secrets of their success: Cibola is family and all members will be supported towards success. Freshmen are told they are preparing for college. The entire school builds a shared vision of success. Both teachers and students are supported to achieve their highest potential. It is a healthy environment with a lot of trust. Adults develop strong relationships with students. Positive attitudes and upbeat interactions are encouraged. Communication is emphasized. Each student has a 4 Year Plan. There are Freshmen Counseling Teams that work at getting to know each student. There are Senior Packets. Parents are encouraged to be engaged and active in their student's school life. Cibola sets high academic standards that are paired with appropriate resources.

These are attitudes and formulas that can easily be replicated throughout our nation's schools. We need to see all of our children succeeding. With Cibola High School, we have a model that is working superbly and which emphasizes the interaction of its people as the key. Thank you Cibola High School for all you have done for the children of Yuma and for the guide you have provided for our nation. I work for the day that all of our nation's children will be given this same educational environment.

IAN CHAN OGILVIE MAKES HIS MARK ON THE WORLD

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Clark Ogilvie of my staff

and his wife Ms. Deb Chan on the birth of their first child, Master Ian Chan Ogilvie. Ian was born on Tuesday, March 26, 2002 and weighed 7 pounds and 13 ounces. Faye joins me in wishing Clark and Deb great happiness during this very special time in their lives.

As a father of three, I know the immeasurable pride and rewarding challenges that children bring into your life. Their innocence keeps you young-at-heart. Through their inquiring minds and wide-eyed wonder, they show you the world in a fresh, new way and change your perspective on life. A little miracle, a new baby holds all the potential of what human beings can achieve.

I welcome young Ian into the world and wish Clark and Deb all the best as they raise him.

TRIBUTE TO DR. JEFFREY P. KOPLAN

HON. DAVID R. OBEY

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. OBEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Jeffrey P. Koplan and his 26 years of outstanding public service.

Dr. Koplan served as the Director of the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention and the Administrator of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, from 1998 until March of this year when he stepped down to continue his career in public health outside of the Federal government.

We are very fortunate in this country to be able to attract some of the best minds and most talented professionals to public service. However, it is typically not their impressive educational training, professional experience, or list of accomplishments that distinguishes their public service careers. What we often remember most is the daily heart and soul that they devote to solving the myriad of problems and challenges that we as a nation expect our Federal, state and local governments to address.

Despite the great responsibility we thrust upon leaders in public service, they toil in relative anonymity behind the agency acronyms that the world comes to rely upon. While Dr. Koplan is certainly well known and respected in the public health community and in Washington, there are untold millions of people in this country and throughout the world who he has in some way touched through his leadership at CDC who will never know his name—who will never know how he has given them the blessing of a healthier life through the often invisible efforts of public health programs that he has promoted and the thousands of CDC employees whom he has led.

Dr. Koplan will be remembered for passion and aggressive actions he spurred CDC to take in addressing some of the most pressing public health concerns of our time. Not only has he led the CDC response to the tumultuous events of last Fall and our nation's first major bioterrorism event, but he has also called for a national response to an epidemic in obesity, efforts to control infectious diseases such as cancer, diabetes, and heart disease, expand immunization coverage, and build the capacity and infrastructure of CDC and state public health departments.

Dr. Koplan is simply an exemplary public servant who has made many personal sacrifices to advance public health. He is a man of great integrity, dedication, and humor. I, along with many Members of Congress, will greatly miss his leadership at CDC, and I wish he and his family all the best as they move on to other pursuits. In closing, just as Dr. Koplan received a standing ovation by CDC employees upon the announcement of his appointment as Director in 1998, upon his departure, I applaud his distinguished tenure and the honor that he has brought to that position.

HONORING DR. JEFFREY P.
KOPLAN

HON. RALPH REGULA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the 26 years of service that Dr. Jeffrey P. Koplan has dedicated to improving the public health and the many contributions he has made at the Department of Health and Human Services.

At the end of March of this year, Dr. Koplan stepped down from the dual positions he held since 1998 as the director of the Centers of Disease Control and prevention (CDC) and the Administrator of the Agency for Toxic substances and Disease Registry.

As the Chairman of the appropriations subcommittee responsible for funding the CDC, I have come to know Dr. Koplan during one of the most challenging times in public health—the events of September 11, 2001, the following anthrax attacks, and the urgent call for public health preparedness for possible further bioterrorism attacks.

Dr. Koplan has done a tremendous job leading the CDC response to this national crisis, which included deploying dozens of epidemiologists to New York City to assist the health departments with the response to the attack on the World Trade Center, dispatching personnel and medical supplies to aid the response efforts to the attack on the Pentagon, and coordinating a public health response to prevent, detect and treat anthrax. We are still in the midst of building capacity for an adequate public health response for potential terrorist attacks, but many of the needed improvements are well underway thanks in large part to his leadership.

In addition to responding to terrorist threats, under the leadership of Dr. Koplan, CDC has responded to hundreds of requests from state, local and international health departments to investigate the outbreak of diseases such as West Nile virus, Ebola, tuberculosis, meningitis and other health threats. Just last spring I experienced first hand the response and leadership of the CDC in my own congressional district during a frightening meningitis outbreak. The presence of the CDC on the scene helped to address this situation and bring calm to the community.

Dr. Koplan has also led CDC efforts to reduce tobacco use, improve childhood immunization, prevent birth defects and chronic diseases, and upgrade CDC buildings and facilities. These important efforts are bringing improved health to our nation.

When I visited the CDC in Atlanta last year, I was impressed with the commitment of all of

the CDC doctors, scientists, and employees who are pursuing their mission with pride and enthusiasm, and it was evident that that attitude emanates from the top.

In short, CDC plays a critical role in protecting the public health of our nation. From the earlier days of his career working on the eradication of smallpox as an EIS officer to rebuilding the public health system to respond to the health threats of the 21st century as director of CDC, Dr. Koplan has tackled these many tough problems with determination. We will greatly miss his spirit, optimism, and leadership. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE 150TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE YMCA

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity today to laud the efforts of one of the finest international organizations in our nation: the YMCA. The YMCA was founded in England and was based on an openness which transcended class lines. In its 150 years, the YMCA of the USA has come to include men, women and children regardless of race, religion or nationality.

The United States of America today has over 2,400 YMCAs which serve nearly 18 million people. The YMCA of the USA is involved in promoting healthy behaviors in youngsters, teaching them how to become positive members of society. Although each YMCA is different in its approach to serving the needs of its members, they all help make their communities stronger.

The YMCA of Springfield, Massachusetts was founded on May 3, 1852, after J.R. Hixon issued a call for a meeting at the Old First Church on Court Square. Henry Morris, a prominent judge from the area, was elected the first president. Springfield's YMCA is noteworthy for being the workplace of Mr. James Naismith. In 1891, Mr. Naismith was charged with the physical education of a number of rambunctious young men. As the boys were not interested in the typical winter time activities, Mr. Naismith invented a new game to be played indoors. Mr. Naismith posted 13 rules at class one day and created the sport of basketball.

The invention of basketball is an example of the creative thinking that is the hallmark of the YMCA. The staff members roaming the halls of Ys throughout the country are a dedicated group focused on character development and social service.

Today's YMCA in Springfield continues to serve human needs in the city by providing quality programs that promote lifelong personal growth and the balanced development of spirit, mind and body. I would like to thank Steve Clay, the President, and his staff for their tireless dedication and commitment to the community. Congratulations to the YMCA on 150 years of service to the community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. EVA M. CLAYTON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday evening April 30, 2001, I was in my District due to a family emergency and as a result missed three rollcall votes.

Had I been present, the following is how I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 119 (On a Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Con. Res. 386—"Supporting a National Charter Schools Week") "yea."

Rollcall No. 118 (On a Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass—S. 2248—"To Extend the Authority of the Export-Import Bank until May 31, 2002") "yea."

Rollcall No. 117 (Suspend the Rules and Agree to Senate Amendments—H.R. 169—"Notification and Federal Employee Anti-discrimination and Retaliation Act") "yea."

COMMEMORATION OF ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

SPEECH OF

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 24, 2002

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in somber remembrance of the horrors of the Armenian Genocide. It is essential to reflect on the evils of the past to ensure that historical lessons are properly understood. It is in an effort to accomplish this that I call on my colleagues, as well as the international community, to remember and recognize the genocide of over a million Armenians by the Ottoman Empire.

During the end of the Ottoman Empire, the Armenian people were the victims of an atrocity of a horrifying magnitude. As many as 1.5 million were massacred through forced exile and murder. Refugees were scattered throughout the region and many found their way to the United States. As events during the Holocaust, as well as in Rwanda and Bosnia, have demonstrated, we have yet to fully internalize the lessons taught us by the dehumanizing actions of the Ottoman Empire against the Armenians. Human rights violations and discrimination due to ethnic background are still prevalent throughout the world. As such it is more important than ever that the genocide experienced by the Armenians is recognized by the world community. It is only through such recognition that we as a society can begin to ensure that such events will not happen again. In line with this goal, I specifically call on the country of Turkey to formally recognize the genocide.

I join with the Armenians today in sad remembrance of the horrible crimes committed against their people. I appreciate the support that the Armenian people have demonstrated as our own nation has dealt with the horrors of September 11. I am confident that the friendship between Armenia and the U.S. will continue to flourish as we work together for freedom and prosperity in both our nations.

LOCAL MUSICAL TRIBUTES FOR
SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

HON. WILLIAM L. JENKINS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. JENKINS. Mr. Speaker, as our nation continues to heal the wounds from the losses suffered on September 11, 2001, I have personally received numbers of phone calls, e-mails, and letters from East Tennesseans offering suggestions, words of support, and prayers for all Americans dealing with this tragedy. Mr. Jerry White, a teacher from Hampton, Tennessee composed a song titled "Freedom Didn't Fall." In addition, Dr. Charles L. Walter from Johnson City, Tennessee enclosed a hymn titled "When Sudden Terror Tears Apart." Having been moved by these musical compositions, I wanted to share these lyrics with the Congress in order that others may read these uplifting and comforting words.

FREEDOM DIDN'T FALL—MR. JERRY WHITE

We took a mighty hit that day, brothers hear the call.
Buildings crumbled to the ground, but freedom didn't fall.
Today our hearts are heavy, we share the grief you bear.
Evil bounds through the world, we've turned to God in prayer.
America must be strong this hour, rays of hope through perils and fright,
A light of love for freedom, shining brightly through the night.
Innocent souls passed on that day, they are martyrs to the cause.
We must be devoted to fight and never stop to pause.
It will be hard to find the enemy to fight.
This may be the final chance for the whole world to unite.
We must stand firm to eradicate evil from our home,
And stand as models to the world no matter where we roam.
Why did this happen here, we ask? The answer's plain to see.
They terrorize for naught, but strike fear in you and me.
These were evil deeds, the acts of evil men.
We must resolve and affirm that this will never occur again.
Firemen, policemen, volunteers have answered freedom's call.
Dedicated sacrifice in this land of sacred law.
The heroes in the plane of Air Flight Ninety-Three,
Have set the tone of sacrifice for all of us to see.
Yea, we took a mighty hit today, now Americans hear the call
Buildings crumbled to the ground, but freedom didn't fall!

**WHEN SUDDEN TERROR TEARS APART—THE
REV. CARL P. DAW**

When sudden terror tears apart the world we thought was ours, we find how fragile strength can be, how limited our powers.
As tower and fortress fall we watch with disbelieving stare and numbly hear the anguished cries, the pierce the ash-filled air.
Yet most of all we are aware of emptiness and void: of lives cut short, of structures razed, of confidence destroyed.
From this abyss of doubt and fear we grope for words to pray, and hear our stam-

mering tongues embrace a timeless Kyrie.

Have mercy Lord, give us strength and peace and make our courage great; restrain our urge to seek revenge, to turn our heart to hate.

Help us to know your steadfast love, your presence near as breath; rekindle in our hearts the hope of life that conquers death.

**TRIBUTE TO ROBERT BYRNE
JESSUP**

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to a Fellow Marine, Robert Jessup, who passed away on April 7th, 2002.

Robert Byrne Jessup was born January 4, 1942 in Washington, DC. He attended Washington and Lee High School and George Washington University. He was honorably discharged after serving in the US Marine Corps from 1960–1964 as a Lance Corporal, H&S Co., 2nd Shore Party Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, FMF, Camp LeJeune, NC. He was awarded two Good Conduct Medals.

Mr. Jessup worked for Eastern Airlines from 1964 to 1974. He married Caroline Mary Gerard on November 19, 1966 in Alexandria, VA. They moved to Gaithersburg, MD, where he began a career with the General Electric Corporation. While at GE, he was instrumental in the development of the MARK 3000 System.

In the true spirit of a United States Marine, he served his community throughout his life. He was involved in numerous community activities, serving on the Board of Directors for his neighborhood and the Gaithersburg Board of Appeals. He was a football, baseball and basketball coach for his children and a Boy Scout Leader in Troops 207 and 494.

He is survived by his wife; his children, Bill, Rick and Dana; five grandchildren, two brothers, his mother and many other relatives and friends. He was a beloved father, husband, son, grandfather and friend who loved to play games with his family from cards to Trivial Pursuit. Friends remember the Jessup home always as one of boisterous activity, laughter and joy.

Robert Jessup's ideas about serving others live on in his children. His sons work in federal law enforcement; his daughter cares for senior citizens who do not have family to care for them in the Denver area.

It is an honor to share this farewell tribute with my Colleagues.

Mr. Jessup is being interred today, May 1, in Arlington Cemetery. Semper Fi.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

HON. FRANK MASCARA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. MASCARA. Mr. Speaker, on April 30, 2002, I was absent for personal reasons and missed rollcall votes numbered 117, 118 and 119. For the record, had I been present I

would have voted "aye" on rollcall votes 117 and 119 and "nay" on rollcall vote 118.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

HON. DAVID WU

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. WU. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation that would renew two important provisions of the Higher Education Act, which are set to expire on September 30, 2002.

The first expiring provision, Section 428G(a)(3), allows schools with cohort default rates below 10 percent to disburse a loan in a single installment for any period of enrollment that is not more than 1 semester, 1 trimester, 1 quarter, or 4 months.

The second expiring provision, Section 428G(b)(1), allows schools with cohort default rates below 10 percent to waive the requirement that first-year, first-time borrowers loan proceeds be withheld for 30 days.

Each provision was part of the 1998 HEA reauthorization law (H.R. 6). The decision to sunset both provisions was due to a combination of PAY-GO budget pressures and a wish by the HEA reauthorization conferees to revisit each provision's efficacy in reducing regulatory burden while maintaining the integrity of the federal loan programs.

These goals have been met. Not only has regulatory burden been reduced, but costs also have been reduced for schools and lenders.

Further, there is no evidence that adoption of these provisions has caused any increase in default rates at participating schools or increased costs to the government. In light of the reality that both provisions benefit students and do not increase loan defaults, it is important that we extend both provisions permanently.

Expiration of these beneficial provisions not only will place unnecessary administrative burdens on schools, but also will disadvantage students. The first provision allows schools the flexibility, especially in the case of students attending summer sessions and graduating mid-year seniors, to disburse the proceeds of their loan in a single payment, and is just a commonsense administrative decision.

The second provision allows school to disburse a loan to their first year students so that they may have access to their funds to purchase books and supplies, pay housing costs, and other associated educational expenses. Without extension of this provision, many students, due to their inability to purchase textbooks and acquire housing for 30 days, fall behind in their studies and may dropout. This process may paradoxically drive up default rates.

Additionally, failure to renew these provisions would cause administrative disruption for schools. Schools would need to revise policies and procedures, counseling activities and student disclosure and related materials, and reprogram computer systems. These activities would need to be completed prior to the beginning of the award year on July 1st. Consequently, legislative action should be completed as soon as possible but no later than June 1, 2002.

Failure to renew these provisions would lead to unnecessary disruption of financial aid office activities and significant costs to revise system operations. A similar administrative disruption and costs would be visited upon lending institutions.

A college education is becoming increasingly more expensive. These two important provisions make it easier on the student to receive financial aid in a timely manner. Not only is it important that we maximize federal assistance in student financial aid, but we must ensure that the process is not overly burdensome on students or schools.

Renewing these provisions would not only make the daunting task of finding financial aid easier for students. And the cost to the federal government would be minimal.

I urge my colleagues to join with me in renewing HEA Sections 428G(a)(3) & (B)(1) so we can continue benefiting students and avoid disrupting financial aid operations.

HONORING JOHN McCORMICK,
CHICAGO TRIBUNE PAGE EDITOR

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to John McCormick, winner of the American Society of Newspaper Editors (ASNE) 2002 Distinguished Writing Award for Editorial Writing.

John McCormick is the deputy editorial page editor of the Chicago Tribune. He joined the Chicago Tribune editorial board in 2000 and was promoted to deputy editor the following year. Prior to joining the Tribune, John worked for several years as the Chicago bureau chief for Newsweek magazine.

On April 12, 2002, John was awarded the 2002 Distinguished Writing Award for Editorial Writing at the ASNE annual convention in Washington, D.C. John has proven his astute writing abilities in various editorials for the Tribune including topics ranging from the September 11th attacks to the poignant circumstances surrounding the death of a Chicago police officer.

ASNE judges stated the following comment on John's abilities as a writer by saying, "he won the editorial writing award for his eloquent commentary on topics including September 11th as well as veteran sacrifices that would be cheapened by efforts to sell the naming rights to a renovated Soldier Field. In a classic editorial writing style, McCormick is a strong advocate without being preachy."

John is joined in this recognition by his wife Dawn and their two sons, who reside in LaGrange Park, Illinois.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring John McCormick on his achievements and wish John many years of future success.

LOYALTY DAY

HON. MICHAEL FERGUSON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. Speaker, on July 18, 1958, the United States Congress passed

Public Law 85-529 and designated May 1 of each year as "Loyalty Day." I am pleased to join my fellow Americans today in confirming our allegiance to the United States of America by celebrating this important occasion. Now more than ever, it is vital that we stand together as a nation and remain committed to the common good of our people.

As we speak, the courageous men and women of our Armed Services stand firm across the world, protecting our freedom from all those who threaten its existence. Like their predecessors who fought for our nation in years past, today's service men and women need our support and require our loyalty.

However, Loyalty Day should not be confined to support of our military. The spirit of Loyalty Day can extend throughout our daily lives. Strong devotion to our country can be shown through service to fellow citizens and participation in government. By voting, by fighting for a cause and by helping your community, you are showing loyalty to our nation by honoring the virtues our great country was founded on.

An organization exhibiting the true essence of Loyalty Day is the Bay Leaf Post No. 6807 Ladies Auxiliary in Garwood, New Jersey. I commend the ladies of Post No. 6807 for their continuing support of veterans in the 7th District of New Jersey. Their actions to benefit veterans stand as an example of true loyalty to our nation. Organizations such as this are instrumental in keeping the American spirit alive by serving and remaining devoted to our great country.

Today, I commend all the Americans celebrating Loyalty Day and congratulate all those who have served and continue to serve our great country.

HONORING WILLIAM J. KEATING
AS HE RECEIVES THE 2002 METROPOLITAN AWARD

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor William J. Keating, a friend, valued constituent and distinguished former Member of this House, who will receive the Metropolitan Club's 2002 Metropolitan Award on May 21, 2002. Recipients of this prestigious honor are citizens of the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky area who have exhibited extraordinary effort toward improving the lives of our community's residents, and have significantly bridged the gap between Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky.

A native of Cincinnati, Bill Keating has a very long list of accomplishments. As former congressman, newspaper publisher, successful businessperson and judge, his influence can be seen in nearly every major civic project in this area in the past fifty years, including downtown development, arts, education and sports.

After graduating from St. Xavier High School, where he was an All-American swimmer, Bill enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served during World War II. He returned home and earned two degrees (bachelor's and law) from the University of Cincinnati in just four years. He was admitted to the Ohio bar in 1950,

began practicing law in Cincinnati and helped to found what has become a major Cincinnati law firm in 1954.

Bill's name has been virtually synonymous with public service since 1957, when he became assistant attorney general for the state of Ohio. In 1958, he was appointed judge of the Hamilton County Municipal Court, was elected to that court in 1959 and was presiding judge from 1962 until 1963. In 1964, Bill was elected to the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas, where he served until 1967. For two terms, Bill was member of Cincinnati City Council, from 1967 to 1970. First elected to the House of Representatives in 1970. Bill served with distinction in the Ninety-second and Ninety-third Congresses representing the First District of Ohio.

Following his Congressional service, Bill moved into journalism and joined the Cincinnati Enquirer, where he was president and publisher. Later, he serves president of the Gannett Central Newspaper Group, chairman of the Cincinnati Inquirer, executive vice President and general counsel of Gannett Company, Inc. and chief executive officer of the Detroit Newspaper Agency in May, 1986.

Bill is a proven leader. He has been active with numerous causes in our area, including the Cincinnati Business Committee, the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, the Cincinnati Arts Association, and the Bid Development Committee for Olympics 2012. In 2001, he was awarded the covered title of Great Living Cincinnati by the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce.

All of us in the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky area congratulate Bill Eating on receiving the 2002 Metropolitan Award, the latest acknowledgment of this remarkable device to our region.

SIXTH DISTRICT IS HOME TO
FOUR STATE ROUNDBALL CHAMPS

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 1, 2002

Mr. COLBE. Mr. Speaker, the University of Maryland just won the NCAA college basketball championship, we are deep into the NBA pro basketball playoffs, and the nation's high schools recently completed their basketball tournaments. During this basketball season, I am pleased to report that the Sixth District of North Carolina is the proud home of four state champions—three girls' teams and one boys' squad.

North Carolina is known nationally as a hotbed of basketball—both from a playing standpoint as well as a spectator sport. We know basketball in the Tar Heel State. That is what makes this season so special for the folks back home. We have not one, not two, not three, but four state champions. It has been a special season and one that is worthy of recognition in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

We begin with the Ledford Senior High School girls' basketball team because the Panthers completed a perfect season with a win in the title contest on March 15. The Panthers finished the year 32-0 with a surprisingly easy 73-51 victory over Tarboro High in the 2-A championship game. In fact, every win this year was by double digits; no one could touch the Panthers of Ledford High.

The title game was highlighted by one of the most impressive offensive showings in state history. Senior guard Leslie Hinkle poured in 40 points to lead the Panthers over Tarboro. "I just played my best," Hinkle told *The (Lexington, N.C.) Dispatch*. "I kept shooting, even when my shots weren't falling in the beginning. I also knew when my outside shots weren't falling, I could still penetrate and get to the basket." Named MVP for the championship, Hinkle was remarkable throughout the tournament. She scored 97 points in the final three games of the year. "Leslie Hinkle was a very special player today," Head Coach John Ralls told *The Dispatch*.

Coach Ralls should know something about special players. Ledford High has won four state titles under his tutelage—the others coming in 1995, 1997 and 2000. "This is the biggest team I've had," the Ledford coach told the *Lexington newspaper*, "but we've got a lot of really good players. I don't really know if there is a best team, but this one has to rank as one of the best we've ever had." Coach Ralls knows it takes a total team effort to complete a magical perfect season. Joining him in that effort were his assistants Alan Patterson and David Sands.

Each member of the Panthers did her part on the path to perfection. The squad includes Allyson David, Melissa Fitzgerald, Leslie Hinkle, Kristina Homesley, Jennifer McCarthy, Jamie Montsinger, Katelyn Moore, Kristi Pietsch, Katie Ralls, Mallory Recce, Megan Rogers, Alicia Stoke, and Jesse Taylor. Joining in the celebration are Principal Max Cole, Athletic Director Donald Palmer, the faculty, staff, students, and families of the perfect state champions, the Ledford Senior High Panthers.

Believe it or not, the Sixth District is actually home to two basketball teams that achieved perfect records this year. West Rowan High School completed a remarkable 30-0 season by capturing the state 3-A boys' championship. On March 16, the Falcons completed their dream season with an 80-68 victory over Winston-Salem Parkland High. West Rowan was led by title game MVP Donte Minter; Donte led the Falcons with 29 points in the championship game. What makes the feat all the more remarkable is that the left-handed senior was playing with a broken left wrist! Donte told the *Salisbury Post* that despite his injuries there were no doubts about the outcome. "Never," Minter told the newspaper. "Not at any point did we question ourselves. Here's all you need to know: as a team, we came to play tonight."

In fact, all season long the Falcons came to play. During their perfect season, West Rowan won every contest by double-digit margins. The championship game win culminated a four-year journey for Minter and Head Coach Mike Gurley. In Minter's freshman season, he and Gurley reached the title game against the same school, Winston-Salem Parkland, only to be defeated 101-83. Coach Gurley told the

Salisbury Post, "Donte and I have cried a lot of tears together since that game. But when you have a successful program like ours, you're going to have some tough losses. Yeah, we've got some scars."

Now, however, they have a championship to savor, and they accomplished their goal of winning the title for retiring West Rowan Principal Henry Kluttz. The total team effort was led by Coach Gurley and his assistants Josh Avery, Willie Ellis and Robert Hairston. Each member of the squad contributed to the 30-0 season including Brian Avery, Horatio Everhart, Thomas "T.J." Gaither, Jr., Junior Hairston, Joe Hartsell, Michael Johnson, Donte Minter, Brent Patterson, Darren Ramsey, Blake Searce, Durrell White, Jason Williams, and Phillip Williams. Also contributing to the perfect season were managers Amber Dedoming, LaQuinta Ellerbe, Tamanche Rankin, trainer Larry Sides, and mascot Hayden Gurley. Congratulations to Principal Kluttz, Athletic Director William Ward, the faculty, staff, students and families of the other perfect state champions, the West Rowan Falcons.

As I said earlier, the Sixth District was blessed to win other state titles, too. High Point Central High captured the girls' 3-A title, while Thomasville High secured its first ever girls' 1-A crown. Let's begin with a school that is used to winning—High Point Central. On March 16, the Lady Bison completed their title quest with a 56-53 win over Rockingham County High. The Central girls have won five state championships in the last 10 years. The Lady Bison came into this season with a perfect 30-0 record and almost matched it this year by finishing 31-1. The final outcome was the same though as the Lady Bison brought home another crown to High Point Central.

Leading the way was senior guard and title game MVP Leslie Cook who scored 22 points including the last five to secure the win. "Those last couple of minutes seemed" like they took forever," Cook told the *High Point Enterprise*. "We were thrilled to survive," Head Coach Kenny Carter told the same newspaper. "I told them, 'championship teams will make big plays, and we made big ones when we had to.'"

The team made big plays all year en route to its latest title. Associate Coach Jetanna McClain and assistants Chris Martin, Chris Shafer and Dwain Waddell ably assisted Coach Carter. The members of the winning squad included Elizabeth Adkisson, Lakisha Bryant, Leslie Cook, Kathryn Fulp, Mary Gheen, Erica Green, Brittany Hendley, Shameka Leach, Jillian Martin, Krystion Obie, Brittany Tate, Teshymia Tillman, Nikki Warren, and Sara Wynne. Congratulations should also be shared by Principal Joe Yaegar, Athletic Director Gary Whitney, the faculty, staff, students and families of High Point Central High School.

While High Point Central is used to winning girls' basketball championships, a school just

down the road is still celebrating its first ever girls' basketball title. Thomasville High School won the state 1-A crown with a convincing 68-44 victory over Midway on March 16. Maya Ray, who was named championship game MVP, told the *High Point Enterprise* that the first title is sweetest of all. "Right now, it's just surreal," Ray told the newspaper. "I'm overwhelmed. It's a feeling I can't explain. It's like I'm not even here right now. It's nice that it's us to say we were the first."

The first for Thomasville and one of the best ever. The Lady Dogs finished the year with a record of 28-3. While the outcome of the final game was never in doubt, when Midway cut the lead to 11 with 6:20 to go, Head Coach Eric Radar became worried as all coaches do. "We were concerned," Coach Radar told the *High Point Enterprise*. "We thought we sort of lost our edge. We started playing their style of game a little bit more than we had. We got a little complacent, and I thought we started looking at the scoreboard. Looking back, I'm glad that it happened, because our girls were able to do it twice. That shows how good a team this really can be."

The future is indeed bright for Thomasville High. As we close the books on this season, let's congratulate Coach Radar and his assistant Phil Apple. Each member of the Lady Dogs contributed to the title quest including Brittany Marsh, Erin Crowder, Impris Manning, Katie Myers, Kendra Rutledge, Lavonda Harriott, Lavinia Flowers, Maya Ray, Shae Harris, Shay Harris, Sheena Harriott, Sonya Madsen, and Tyronica Alford. Special thanks also go to managers Pat Jakson, Byron Lattimore and Jaz Tate, scorekeepers Sheena Jenkins and Keisha Alba, and video manager Kendra Sanders. Sharing in the glory are Principal Michael Allred, Athletic Director Woody Huneycutt, the faculty, staff, students, and families of Thomasville High School for winning its first ever girls' 1-A state basketball championship.

All in all, Mr. Speaker, a remarkable high school basketball season in the Sixth District of North Carolina. At the beginning, I mentioned the University of Maryland winning the NCAA championship. I did so deliberately because there are two Sixth District connections there too. One of the assistant coaches is from Greensboro, North Carolina. Matt Kovarik, played for the Terrapins and just completed his first year as an assistant to Head Coach Gary Williams. More importantly, he played his high school ball at Grimsley High School in Greensboro. The entire athletic department is led by a woman from Gibsonville, North Carolina. Dr. Deborah Yow is the athletic director in College Park, and the Sixth District is proud that one of our own led Maryland to its first ever NCAA basketball championship. In addition to our high school champions, we are proud of Matt and Debbie, too.